



To: Representative Tony Guerrero, Chair, Transportation Committee
Senator Andrew Maynard, Chair, Transportation Committee
Representative David Scribner, Ranking Member, Transportation Committee
Senator Toni Boucher, Ranking Member, Transportation Committee
& other distinguished members of the Transportation Committee

From: Anne Noble, President and CEO, Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC)
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Re: Friendly Suggestion for HB 5290: AA Authorizing the Sale, via Internet
Auction of License Plates Issued by the DMV

Date: February 21, 2011

The CT Lottery Corporation respectfully requests consideration of the JFS language below which clarifies that the sale of license plates issued by the DMV be conducted through “promotional drawings” and not through a “lottery”.

While the word “lottery” is not explicitly defined in Connecticut statutes, the structure and oversight of the quasi-public agency, the CT Lottery Corporation, is so defined. Our state law and regulations, and even the compact with the Connecticut tribal authorities, define and delineate our rules and responsibilities based on what we believe has become a common law understanding of the word “lottery”. Further, the word “lottery” is used in forty-three other state statutes, other state regulations, federal law and even international law to describe entities similar to the CT Lottery Corporation. The laws and regulations governing these entities have significant and extensive implications; they frame the mission, sales, social responsibility, operations, claims, collections and security guidelines that are unique to the industry. When one tiny piece of paper can potentially be worth millions of dollars, as is the case in this week’s \$155 million dollar Powerball © drawing, we are sensitive to how this word is ultimately used.

We do not have any concerns with the substantive concept proposed in HB 5290: AA Authorizing the Sale, via Internet Auction, of License Plates Issued by the DMV, but we respectfully request that the word “lottery” be changed to “promotional drawing” so as not to confuse the rules and regulations that guide the DMV with those that govern the CT Lottery Corporation.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this proposal.

Suggested JFS:

AA Authorizing the Sale, via Internet Auction, of License Plates Issued by the DMV

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

That the general statutes be amended to provide that all currently issued license plates shall be classified as the personal property of the person to whom the Department of Motor Vehicles issued such license plate; that each such license plate shall be assigned a value of \$1,000 and there shall be assessed a tax of \$12/thousand on each license plate; that any license plate owner shall be entitled to exempt such license plate from taxation by executing a waiver form; that there shall be a monthly [lottery] promotional drawing [cash prize] with eligible winners being each license plate owner who has not opted out of the program; that each license plate holder who has been involved in the program for at least twelve months can sell such license plate by way of an Internet auction site established for that purpose; that sales tax shall be assessed on the sale of the license plate and the sales price shall become the new assessed value of the license plate.